LOWBUSH BLUEBERRY

LIGHT

Give Vaccinium angustifolium a sunny location for the best berry crop. Partial shade is tolerated, but flowering and fruiting are reduced.

WATER

Keep shallow roots from drying out, especially during establishment. About an inch of water weekly, including rainfall, is a useful growing-season starting point; adjust to actual soil moisture.

SOIL & PLANTING

Test soil before planting. Lowbush blueberries need well-drained, organic, strongly acidic soil, roughly pH 4.0-5.0. Mulch with suitable softwood material and control weeds without damaging shallow roots.

FEEDING

Use soil-test recommendations and modest fertilizer suitable for acid-loving plants. Avoid lime and heavy feeding; excessive fertilizer can harm roots.

SEASONAL CARE

For renewal, prune a portion of an established patch after leaf fall or before spring growth. Renewed stems do not crop the following season, so alternate sections to retain a yearly harvest.

HELPFUL TIPS

Plant genetically different lowbush clones or varieties for better pollination. Protect ripening berries from birds. This guide covers lowbush types, including Burgundy, rather than highbush or half-high blueberries.